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letter from the mayor

Dear Residents,



Since 2008, the Canton Police Department has made major progress in reducing crime in Canton. Thanks in part to a younger police force, internal restructuring, and most importantly – a new focus on targeted police activity in the most troubled areas of the city, our law enforcement team has been able to drastically reduce crime in our community.

While this is a great accomplishment, residents should know that your elected city officials as well as our men and women in blue will not be satisfied until this trend continues for several years. It will take a concerted effort from law enforcement, community leaders, and residents themselves to keep our crime statistics on a downward path, and we pledge to do whatever it takes to keep making our city a safer place to live, work, and raise a family.

While the work of our officers played a large part in the reduction of these numbers, help from residents also played a role in lowering crime. To continue building our community's involvement in crime prevention efforts, the City will be launching a number of new programs this year (discussed on Page 15) that empower residents who want to show criminals that their activities are no longer welcome in our neighborhoods.

Do you have an idea that you would like to see implemented to make your neighborhood safer? Want to provide feedback on how we're doing? E-mail us at police@cantonohio.gov to share your thoughts. We look forward to hearing from you.

As always, please feel free to contact me via telephone, e-mail, or in person whenever you want to share information, request City services, or report a problem in your neighborhood. I am honored to serve as your Mayor.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New fitness facility strengthens downtown development



BY ROBERT TORRES / Director of Development

WHEN THE OWNERS OF DOWNTOWN'S CITY CENTER TOWER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE WILLIAM R. DAY BUILDING) WERE

searching for tenants to fill the building's ground-level commercial space, they traveled to Canton from their home office in Pittsburgh, PA to meet with a number of local entrepreneurs over a period of several days.

When all was said and done, two young entrepreneurs (Michael V. and Anthony J. Palumbo, pictured above right at the ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Healy) offered the best solution for the 16,500 square foot space – a first-rate downtown lifestyle fitness center.

The new fitness center – which features approximately 50 pieces of strength equipment and 41 pieces of cardiovascular equipment (such as treadmills, ellipticals, and recumbent bicycles) – recently completed construction and renovation and opened to the public on February 10. Additional amenities include a nutrition juice bar, tanning booths, aerobics, and a dance area.



PHOTO BY ADAM HERMAN

CITY CENTER FITNESS OWNERS MICHAEL AND ANTHONY PALUMBO (CENTER-LEFT) OPEN THEIR NEW FACILITY TO THE PUBLIC WITH MAYOR HEALY (CENTER-RIGHT) AT A FEBRUARY RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY IN DOWNTOWN CANTON.

The total project investment for the design, construction, equipment and merchandise will be approximately \$728,000. The Canton Community Improvement Corporation provided a loan for the purchase of equipment. Eight full-time employees will be hired within the first year.

The fitness center has spurred other development projects in the City Center Tower. Adjacent to the fitness facility, La Parilla Mexican Restaurant is scheduled for completion of construction in mid-year. ♦

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Boogie woogie your way downtown to Canton Blues Fest this June



BY JESSICA BENNETT

THE BREEZY EASY BLUES ARE BLOWING BACK INTO

Canton this June for the 9th annual Canton Blues Fest, held downtown on Market Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street NW from noon to 10:30 p.m. on June 18 and 19. As always, this outdoor summer festival is free and open to the public.

One of the Northeast's finest free blues experiences is back with a 2010 lineup sure to strike a chord with blues fans large and small! The Canton Regional Chamber's ninth installment of the festival will feature headliners Elvin Bishop on Friday, June 18, at 8:30 p.m. and Hot Tuna Electric on Saturday, June 19, at 8:30 p.m.

VIP passes available

Festival organizers are predicting fifteen thousand people will come downtown this year to enjoy two days of smooth grooves and ten incredible entertainers. While the festival is free, the best seats in the house are reserved in front for the most enthusiastic blues fans. VIP passes are available again this year at CantonBluesFest.com. For the best views of the stage all day and free food and beer in the evening, VIP passes are the way to go!

For a full list of festival performers, including special guest stars John Lee Hooker, Jr. and Ana Popovic, visit CantonBluesFest.com!

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Canton Blues Fest is made possible in part by Cormony Development and Standard Plumbing and Heating Co. Current sponsors (as of this printing) also include: Buxton Roofing, Phil and Nancy Sonner and Schauer Group, Inc.

Headliner Profile: Elvin Bishop

Late one night when Elvin Bishop was 14 or 15, Jimmy Reed's harmonica came cutting through the static from WLAC in Nashville. Excited by the sounds coming from his radio, Bishop knew his life was forever changed as he finally discovered part of rock and roll he had been looking for – leading him to become one of America's greatest slide guitar players. For more information about Elvin Bishop (pictured above left), visit www.elvinbishopmusic.com.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE ARTISTS

Headliner Profile: Hot Tuna Electric

From their days playing together as teenagers, to their time in The Jefferson Airplane, to their current acoustic and electric blues hits, no one has more consistently led American music for the last 50 years than Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, the founders and continuing core members of Hot Tuna Electric. In album after album – more than two dozen in all – they continue to develop their interests and styles, both together and in individual pursuits. For more information about Hot Tuna Electric (pictured below right), visit www.hottuna.com. ♦



CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Symphony season is ending soon – act now!



BY TRACY JEFFRIES

SYMPHONY FANS SHOULD MARK THEIR CALENDARS FOR THE FINAL TWO MASTERWORKS CLASSICAL CONCERTS

of the Canton Symphony Orchestra's 2009-2010 season on Saturday, April 10 and Saturday May 8 at Umstattd Hall in

Special Screening – "Amadeus"

For serious Mozart aficionados, the Palace Theatre in downtown Canton will run a special screening of the classic movie "Amadeus" on May 7 in anticipation of the following day's CSO performance. Tickets are available at the Palace Theatre box office during normal business hours. For more information, visit www.cantonpalacetheatre.org.

Canton. Tickets for the shows – which both begin at 8:00 p.m. – are still available through the CSO Box Office by calling (330) 452-2094 or visiting www.canton-symphony.org. Seating is still available at the \$20, \$30, and \$40 level for both shows.

About the shows

Guest pianist Panayis Lyras will help celebrate the 100th birthday of Samuel Barber and the 200th birthdays of pianists Robert Schumann and Frederick Chopin at the April 10 MasterWorks Concert. On Saturday, May 8, the Canton Symphony will perform its season finale – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's last great masterpiece Requiem – accompanied by the Canton Symphony Chorus. ♦

Exhibits showcase exciting artists this spring at CMA



BY LYNNDA ARRASMITH

IN 1935, THE CANTON MUSEUM OF ART (THEN KNOWN AS THE CANTON ART INSTITUTE) WAS FOUNDED TO PROMOTE FINE ARTS IN THE

Canton community. Throughout the following decades, the museum slowly amassed an impressive number of beautiful pieces – from African spears to American paintings to Asian costumes – into a substantial but largely unrelated permanent collection.

Recognizing the need for a more cohesive collection, museum staff and supporters began to re-define the Museum's mission during the 1980's – ultimately transforming the CMA collection into what it is today: one of the finest inventories of American works on paper (1850-present) and contemporary American ceramics in the world.

It is in this tradition that the Museum is proud to announce it will play host to an exciting exhibit of contemporary clay works from April 16 - July 25, 2010 titled "Form, Function & Figure: Contemporary Ohio Ceramics." Featuring sixteen unique Ohio artists who have personified the evolution of clay and ceramic arts, the exhibit is sure to delight even the most casual fans of ceramic sculpture with beautiful pieces that range from the useful

to the whimsical (see image below). Accompanying this exhibit throughout the month of April will be a special show profiling unique Ohio furniture artisans. "John Strauss: a Sculptural Perspective" and "Kevin Anderson: Based on a True Story" will showcase a lesser-known form of sculptural art – furniture – that often sits beautifully silent and largely unnoticed as we go about the business of our daily lives.



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Standard admission rates apply for all special exhibits – free for CMA members, \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students with ID, and free for children 12 and under.

National Art Show in May

Mark your calendars! From May 21 through May 23, the Cultural Center will be transformed into a high-end gallery for the first annual Canton Museum National Art Show. Eighty professional fine artists from across the country will be exhibiting at this juried show and sale, with an emphasis on quality and variety. The Canton Museum National Art Show is sure to elevate the identity of Canton as an arts destination, and should not be missed for fans of fine art. ♦

For more information, visit www.cantonart.org.

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TRI-COUNTY WASTE DISTRICT

Recycling plastic helps the environment



BY LINDA MORCKEL / Education Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW THAT AMERICANS HAVE BEEN RECYCLING PLASTIC FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS? IT'S TRUE – AND THE

City of Canton Curbside Recycling Program is here to help you continue this legacy of conservation by offering you a convenient way to do your part to save our environment every week.

Canton's curbside program accepts both #1 type and #2 type plastics. Types of plastic can be distinguished by finding the number inside the triangle of arrows, which is usually located on the bottom of containers.

#1 plastic – also known as PET – is made into containers for things such as soda, water, and peanut butter. When you recycle these items at the curb, they are used to make products such as carpet and clothing. Here are some fun facts about PET:

- The first PET bottle was recycled in 1977.
- The PET bottle was patented in 1973 by Nathaniel Wyeth (brother of American painter Andrew Wyeth).
- PET is usually clear or clear green. Soda bottles are always PET because it is the only plastic that can retain carbonation.

- On a PET container, there's a small raised dot called a gate in the center of the base. PET bottles never have seams like some other plastics.

- According to the EPA, recycling a pound of PET saves approximately 12,000 BTU's of energy – which is about 3-1/2 kilowatt hours of electricity!

- About 1/3 of all carpeting made in the U.S. has recycled PET in it.

- It takes 19 20 oz. PET bottles to make one square foot of carpet.

- It takes 63 20 oz. PET bottles to make a sweater and 114 to make enough fiberfill for a sleeping bag.

#2 plastic, also known as HDPE, can also be recycled at the curb in the curbside recycling program. More information about HDPE will be featured in the next issue of the Canton Connection™ this summer. ♦

As always, if you have any questions about recycling in Canton, please call (330) 489-3000, or check out <http://recycle.cantonohio.gov>.

Recycle Online

So much information about recycling can be found on the Web – here are some sites that will teach kids more about PET and the recycling process in general.

- www.epa.gov/kids – Recycling games and puzzles for kids of all ages!
- www.plasticresources.com – A comprehensive learning center about plastics.
- www.teachingplastics.org – Excellent site containing lesson plans and activities for grades K-12.
- www.timetorecycle.org/crafts.php – Making crafts with plastic bottles and other common household items.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Air pollution is top concern for Health Department



BY JAMES ADAMS, MPH / Health Commissioner

THE CANTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT WORKS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE,

promote healthy practices, and protect the health and well being of our community. One of the lesser-known ways the Department does this is by monitoring the amount of particles and pollutants in the air.

Although they can't be seen by the naked eye, tiny particles float in the air and – when breathed into the lungs – can contribute to respiratory and heart diseases. The particles most often come from vehicle exhaust and industry, but agriculture, construction, demolition, and wood burning also contribute to this type of pollution.

Each day, the Air Pollution Control Division of the Health Department (APC) collects particle samples from five monitoring sites throughout the County. (If you've ever seen someone climbing on the roof of the Health Department, this is what they are doing.)

These daily samples are then analyzed to determine how many and what type of particles are present. This allows APC to monitor Stark County industries to ensure that their processes do not exceed permitted levels of chemical and particulate generation.

In the months from April to October, APC also measures the amount of ozone in the environment. Ozone is created when pollutant gases react with sunlight, and high levels can create health risks, especially for those with cardiovascular and respiratory conditions or children with asthma. The Health Department issues ozone alerts during the summer when these levels are high enough to pose a threat.

It is also during this period that APC analyzes pollen and mold spore counts with the help of the Canton Health Department Laboratory Division. Physicians and residents with sensitivity to pollute and mold use this vital information to better control reactions. This information is reported daily to the media and available on the Health Department's Web site.

The American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention all report strong association between fine particles in the air and high ozone levels with increased hospitalizations and deaths. The Canton Health Department's Air Pollution Control Division is on the job 365 days a year with air quality surveillance to help reduce these risks for our community. ♦

For more information about the Health Department and the Air Pollution Control Division, visit www.cantonhealth.org.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Preserve Canton's beauty for future generations – don't litter!



BY KEVIN MONROE / Street Superintendent

CANTON IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY. OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS, REVITALIZED DOWNTOWN, AND WELL-MAINTAINED

parks are a source of pride for residents, and we must all do our part to keep these valuable assets clean. Unfortunately, a growing threat – littering and illegal dumping – are putting our local treasures at risk.

Litter causes many different problems for city residents and the environment. It is a breeding ground for disease-causing insects and rodents. It creates a very distasteful appearance along our highways, and destroys the aesthetic beauty of otherwise scenic environments. Uncollected litter attracts more litter, much of which ultimately ends up in our streams and rivers. It is estimated that 80% of marine debris comes from land based sources. Cigarette butts and filters have been found in the stomachs of fish, birds and whales, all of which have mistaken them for food.

Litter also puts a financial burden on Canton taxpayers. Cleaning up litter costs hundreds of dollars per ton, which is approximately ten times more than the typical cost of trash removal. Experts place the cost for cleaning up litter in the United States at about \$11 billion per year.

Did you know?

Many of the most commonly discarded items will be around long after you, your grandchildren, and their grandchildren are gone. Here are some common life expectancies for litter items regularly discarded in Canton:

- Paper & cardboard: 6 months
- Cigarette butt: 2 - 5 years
- Plastic soda bottle: 5 - 10 years
- Plastic bag: 10 - 30 years
- Chewing gum: 20-25 years
- Tin can: 80 - 100 years
- Aluminum can: 200 - 400 years
- Six-pack bottle wrapping: 450 years
- Golf ball: 100 - 1000 years



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Litter is also an economic development concern. When prospective businesses tour an area, they are looking for a dynamic, growth-oriented community where their business can thrive and grow. When communities have a lot of internal issues with litter and illegal dumping (see photo above) it is seen as an indication that the people living there don't care about their City's future. Potential businesses want to locate where there is evidence of civic pride. Being responsible with your unwanted trash items will help to ensure that Canton puts its best face forward when trying to attract new jobs to our community.

Please remember to save your environment – and your tax dollars – by bagging your unwanted trash items and disposing of them properly. Doing so will only make our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. ♦

For more information about the litter control and programs you can participate in to keep your neighborhood clean, visit www.cantonohio.gov/streets.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City partners with national youth program to repair Canton homes this summer



BY CARMEN WEST / Deputy Director of Development

DOZENS OF LOCAL HOMEOWNERS WILL BENEFIT THIS SUMMER FROM THE WORK OF AN ESTIMATED 500 ADULT AND TEENAGE

volunteers coming to Canton as part of the Mayor's *Call Canton Home* program, which will take place July 17-24 in selected neighborhoods. This newly created program is the result of collaboration between the City of Canton, Hammers and Nails, and the Group Workcamps Foundation – a non-profit, interdenominational Christian volunteer home repair organization headquartered in Loveland, Colorado.

With the help of Group Workcamps volunteers, the *Call Canton Home* program will help hard-working homeowners in distressed neighborhoods of the city improve the appearance of their properties for free with exterior “face lift” repairs. Participants will spend a week in Canton repairing porches, stairs, windows, siding, roofs, and other exterior portions of homeowners’ properties in an effort to improve the image of our community while offering young people the chance to make a difference.

City officials estimate that 12,000 hours of volunteer labor will be donated to the community as part of the program, which is being paid for by the Group Workcamps Foundation and a grant from the City of Canton. The program is the first of its kind for Canton and Stark County, and promises to make a major impact in participating neighborhoods.

An anticipated 30,000 young people and adults will participate in similar projects in communities across the United States and

Canada this summer (see photo above). Each youth participant pays a fee to participate in the church-oriented camp, with the remainder of funds necessary (for supplies and accommodations, etc.) being paid for by partner organizations.

Also participating in the *Call Canton Home* effort is Hammers and Nails, a Canton-based non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for disadvantaged area homeowners through home improvements. Hammers and Nails will help the city coordinate 100 volunteers locally to join Group Workcamps volunteers.

At A Glance: Group Workcamps

Group Workcamps started more than 30 years ago in Colorado after hundreds of residents suffered major flooding damage and destruction during the Big Thompson River flood of 1977. Church youth groups from a wide variety of denominations came from across the country to help with construction and rebuilding efforts, inspiring group organizers to formalize the program and take it nationwide the following year.

This summer, 64 Workcamps will take place in many different states, including Florida, Virginia, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, Tennessee, and Minnesota. Some Workcamps will also take place abroad. Now in its 31st year of service, Group Workcamps Foundation has hosted nearly 300,000 volunteers who have worked on almost 45,000 projects across the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Belize.

For more information about Group Workcamps Programs, log on to www.groupworkcamps.com.

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Program participants will be housed at Timken Senior High School, where they will sleep on classroom floors, eat in the cafeteria, and enjoy evening programs in the school gymnasium. Group Workcamps Foundation reimburses all housing costs to host organizations.

Residents interested in having their properties considered for repair must own their homes and live in the qualifying area, which stretches from 12th Street NW to Tuscarawas Street West between Broad and Harrison Avenues and from Tuscarawas Street West to 12th Street SW between Dartmouth and Harrison Avenues. Residents should call Hammers and Nails at (330) 453-6277 to apply.

PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO HELP RESIDENTS AVOID LOSING HOMES

The city of Canton was recently awarded nearly \$1.2 million in federal funds to prevent residents affected by the home foreclosure crisis and the struggling economy from becoming homeless. The Canton Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program, operated as part of the Mayor's *Canton Cares* initiative, provides one-time direct financial support to qualifying residents in need of housing or food assistance.

Qualifying residents can use the funds to pay back rent payments, utility bills, credit cards, and money management counseling fees. Dollars can also be used for utility and housing deposits, including moving costs. City officials anticipate more than 100 families will be assisted by this program.

Applications are being accepted at the YWCA in Canton (231 6th Street NE, downtown) and at Community Services of Stark County (625 Cleveland Avenue NW, downtown). Residents who have questions should call the United Way's community service number by dialing 2-1-1, where an operator will refer them to the appropriate agency. ♦

More information is also available on the City of Canton's Web site at www.cantonohio.gov/housing.



FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

April is National Fair Housing Month



BY COREY MINOR SMITH

ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR
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housing month throughout the month of April, which includes a special commemoration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week from April 4 through April 11. CDBG funds are used to support a wide variety of community and economic development activities in the City of Canton, and are awarded to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A full month's worth of activities are scheduled to recognize 42 years of the Fair Housing Act and ongoing CDGB efforts – to learn more and see a calendar of events, visit www.cantonohio.gov/development for information.

Remember, fair housing is not an option – it's the law. If you feel that you are being treated differently where you live, are prevented from living where you want to live, or are directed to a different neighborhood than where you want to live, call the City of Canton Fair Housing Assistance Program for a free consultation at (330) 438-4133. ♦



CANTON PARKS DISTRICT

New rules prohibit dogs at Willig Field



BY DOUG PERRY / Parks Director

DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN CITY PARK AREAS AS LONG AS THEY ARE CONTROLLED AT ALL TIMES

on a leash of not more than ten feet in length. However, the success of the rebuilt Willig Field Softball Complex has created a combinations of ball players, spectators, dogs, and kids that can be dangerous due to the confined nature of the park.

At the request of the Canton Joint Recreation District and with concerns for the safety of our human and nonhuman park-goers in mind, the Canton Board of Park Commissioners has decided to prohibit dogs from Willig Field from this point forward.

Beginning in 2010, dogs will no longer be allowed in the park area at the Willig Field Softball Complex.

SHELTER AND GARDEN CENTER RENTAL FEES

Planning your next summer get-together, family reunion, or outdoor group function? Don't forget that Canton Parks can help you meet all your summer activity needs! The following are the 2010 rental fees for Canton Park structures:

- Picnic Shelter rental: \$40, plus a \$20 security deposit
- Picnic Shelter rental for not-for-profit agencies: \$20, plus a \$20 security deposit
- Garaux Park Hall rental: \$150, plus a \$50 security deposit
- Garden Center rental: \$150, plus a \$50 security deposit

For more information on renting the Picnic Shelter or the Garaux Park Hall, please call (330) 489-3015. To reserve the Garden Center, please call (330) 456-7022. ♦

For more information about the Canton Park System, visit www.cantonohio.gov/parks.

CANTON JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT

Enrollment open for youth summer camps



BY NADINE SAWAYA / Recreation Director

SPRING HAS ARRIVED, AND AS WE SHAKE OFF THE LAST BIT OF SNOW, IT'S TIME TO START THINKING

about summer vacation! The Canton Joint Recreation District can help ensure this summer is an active and enriching break for the city's youth through two full day camps.

For youth entering the 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade, the Canton Joint Recreation District offers a camp filled with games, sports, arts, crafts, swimming, field trips and other special events.

The camp offers kids a chance to spend the summer making new friends and learning new skills, all while having fun!

Financial assistance available for city families

The Canton Joint Recreation District offers up to a 50% discount off registration fees for families who otherwise might not be able to afford to participate.

A separate application must be completed to qualify for the discounted rates and turned in at least two weeks before the enrollment deadline for a specific program. Eligibility is limited to residents of the City of Canton and is based on family income.

For youth entering 4th, 5th or 6th grade, a full day sports camp will help kids learn to play new sports and improve the skills they already have. Participants will receive specialized instruction in a variety of sports, including softball, kickball, flag football, soccer and tennis, all with an emphasis on sportsmanship, teamwork, character development, and leadership skills.

Camps run Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm June 7th through August 5th. Enrollment is now open and ends May 28th. Registration is available at the CJRD Office. The cost for either camp is \$250 for families that live or work within Canton City limits and \$275 for those that do not. ♦

For more information, visit the Canton Joint Recreation District office at 1101 Market Ave. North, Suite 200 Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. or visit our Web site at www.cantonrecreation.com.



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Downtown to become more inviting with “way finding” signs



BY DAN MOEGLIN, PE, SI / Canton City Engineer

URBAN AREAS CAN BE A NIGHTMARE FOR PEOPLE UNFAMILIAR WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS. MAYBE YOU FIND YOUR

destination only to discover there is no parking. After circling a maze of one-way streets, you may find a place to park, but now may not know how to get back to your destination. Or perhaps you reach what you believe to be the correct address, only to find out you are trying to reach a spot in the southwest quadrant – but are in the northwest part of town.

If this has happened to you, you are not alone. This is a common problem in cities across the country, and Canton is no exception. What makes Canton stand out, however, is a renewed effort to eliminate this type of confusion and make our community a more inviting and welcoming place for visitors.

The City began this effort by first tackling the issue of parking availability. Over the past several years, Canton has added more than 60 additional street parking spots in the heart of downtown, making it much easier to find a space close to your destination. We have also added more street handicapped parking spaces to help people of all abilities get to where they need to be.

In addition, Canton will roll out a “way finding program” this year. “Way finding” is a fancy name for directional signage that will help people find their way around town. The concept of way

finding is not new for Canton, having been discussed for the past decade. In 2009, a group of representatives from city government and the Chamber of Commerce came together to develop a plan for implementation.

The resulting comprehensive program will include multiple phases, with the first beginning this spring. The first phase includes vehicular signage that will give directional information on finding government facilities, historic destinations, and arts/entertainment locations (see diagram below).

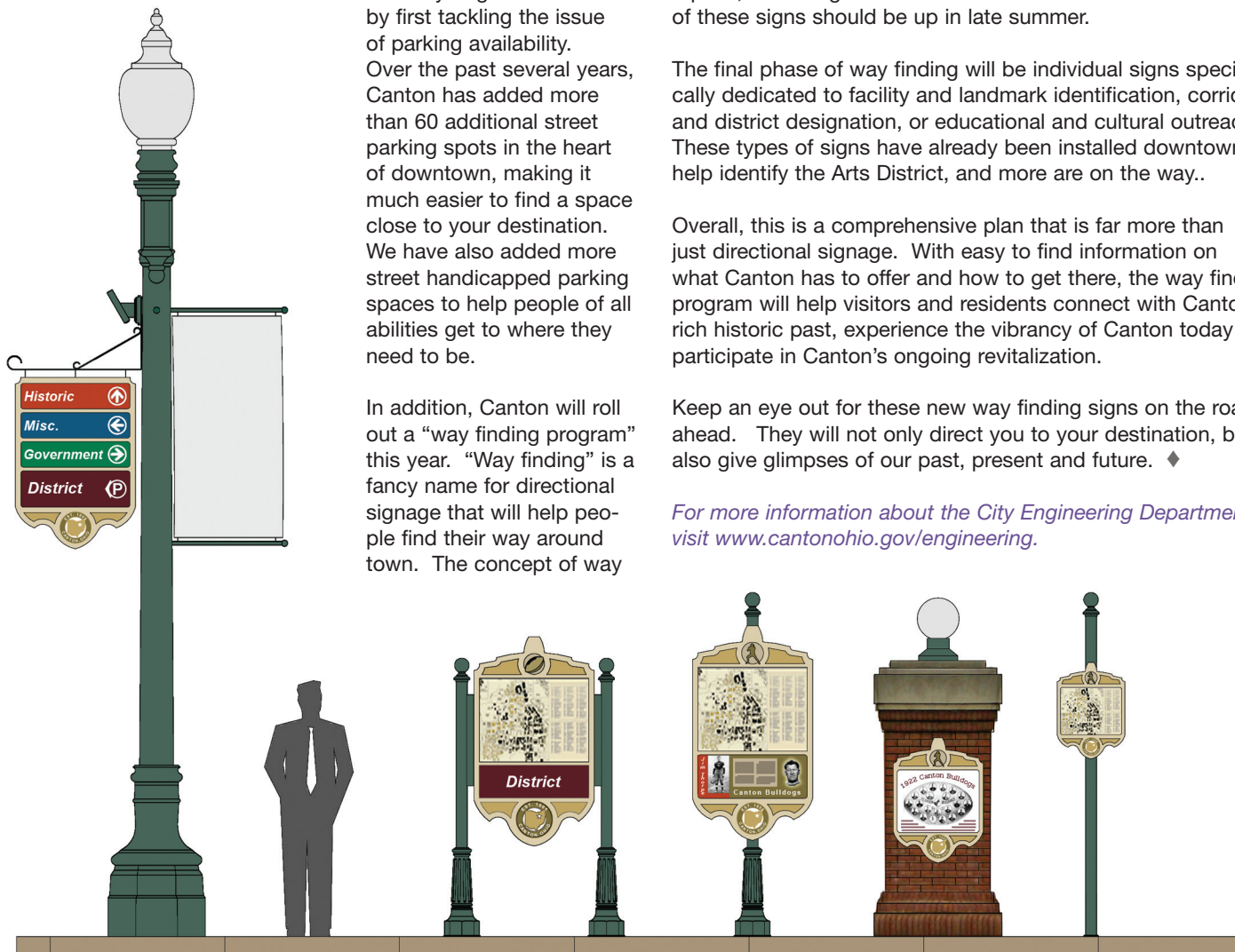
The second phase of the way finding program will consist of pedestrian signs. These signs will consist of the “you are here” maps that will give more detail on specific destinations like restaurants, art galleries, and retailers. While the number and locations of these signs have not been finalized, we intend to focus them around public places like parking decks, the square, the Kresge Block and the Courthouse. The first batch of these signs should be up in late summer.

The final phase of way finding will be individual signs specifically dedicated to facility and landmark identification, corridor and district designation, or educational and cultural outreach. These types of signs have already been installed downtown to help identify the Arts District, and more are on the way..

Overall, this is a comprehensive plan that is far more than just directional signage. With easy to find information on what Canton has to offer and how to get there, the way finding program will help visitors and residents connect with Canton’s rich historic past, experience the vibrancy of Canton today and participate in Canton’s ongoing revitalization.

Keep an eye out for these new way finding signs on the road ahead. They will not only direct you to your destination, but also give glimpses of our past, present and future. ♦

For more information about the City Engineering Department, visit www.cantonohio.gov/engineering.



City working hard to keep sewers operational and hassle-free



BY JAMES DIMARZIO / Collection Systems Superintendent

LIKE MOST CITIES, THE CITY OF CANTON UTILIZES AN UNDERGROUND NETWORK OF PIPES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND THE

surrounding area. This network of piping is a maze of clay and concrete sewer pipes that are essential in order to meet our daily health needs. The wastewater that leaves your home and/or business travels to the City's Water Reclamation Facility for proper treatment before being discharged into the Nimishillen Creek. To aid this largely gravity-driven process, engineers have designed sewer systems that collect and transport wastewater efficiently to the treatment facility without endangering the surrounding environment. Yet, for all this hard work, challenges still exist along the way. Sewer pipes can and do get dirty, and when this happens they need to be cleaned. Keeping these pipes clean is our goal.

Like the doctors that warn us about the dangers of cholesterol and the negative effects it can have on our arteries, the same problems can occur in our sewer pipes due to a variety of factors. When the system's "arteries" become blocked, the City of Canton Collection Systems Department can be contacted 24 hours, 7 days a week to solve the problem. Allowing our

crews to respond first ensures that the city sewer pipe is flushed and cleaned safely and quickly – and ensures that careless private operators do not cause costly damage to the system.



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Once cleaning is complete, the operator will inform the complainant of what was found. If the sewer pipe was obstructed and is flushed clean, the sewer will return to its normal operation. However, if the city sewer pipe was not the problem, the operator will advise the complainant to contact a drain cleaner or plumber, as the problem is likely within the complainant's home or business structure itself.

Keeping our city sewers running effectively and efficiently is important to our health and our environment. Sewer customers who believe they are having a drainage problem should contact the City of Canton Collection Systems Department (Sewer) at (330) 489-3031 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment. After-hour calls will be prompted to contact Central Dispatch during emergency situations. ♦

For more information about the Collection Systems Department, visit www.cantonohio.gov/collections.





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WATER DEPARTMENT

New water program saves City \$1.1 million in potential lost revenue



BY TYLER CONVERSE / Water Superintendent

THIS PAST FALL, THE CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT TESTED TWENTY PERCENT OF ITS UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

(about 145 miles of pipe) for leaks with the help of Underground Utility Services, Inc., a company that specializes in detecting leaks for utility providers.

Experienced technicians used sophisticated acoustic equipment to find approximately 45 previously undetected leaks that are now scheduled for repair. It is estimated that about 3 million gallons of drinking water were lost per day as a result of these leaks, adding up to more than a billion gallons per year – a very significant number by any measurement.

Most water leaks make their way to the surface and are visually detected. Some leaks, however, never surface. Interestingly, the same sandy soil that provides Canton with source water aquifers also serves to hide leaks. Old service lines running to now-vacant lots deteriorate over time. Water leaving these leaks remains undetected by draining down into the sandy soil. Combined, these undetected leaks can really add up over time.

SAVING RATE-PAYER DOLLARS

The financial benefit gained by making these necessary repairs is substantial. We currently estimate that – thanks to annual savings of 2.2 million kWh in electricity, 12 tons of chlorine, and 21 tons of fluoride that were necessary to pump and treat the water lost due to leaks – more than \$150,000 will be saved as a result of these repairs.

Not to mention, the amount of water that once left the system through leaks amounts to approximately \$1.1 million in lost revenue to the City. Keeping as much of our water in the system as possible allows the Department to re-invest in infrastructure and maintain one of the lowest rate structures in the state.

Rate-payers can rest assured that the Water Department will continue these efforts and monitor the remaining 80% of the system as weather permits to guarantee rates stay low. ♦

For more information about the Canton Water Department, visit www.cantonohio.gov/water.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department receives grant for new equipment



BY CAPTAIN GARY STEINBACH

THE CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT HAS BEEN AWARDED AN AID TO

Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$200,400 from the Federal Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of safety equipment.

The AFG is designed to help firefighters and other first responders obtain equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles and training needed to protect emergency personnel and the general public from fire related hazards.

Last fall, approximately half of the protective turnout coats and pants (like those pictured above) used by the Canton Fire Department failed to meet safety standards during a safety screening. The equipment was therefore discarded and now needs to be replaced.

The AFG money, along with capital funds provided by the City, will allow the Fire Department to replace the coats and pants as well as purchase firefighting boots and obtain specialized dryers to allow cleaned gear to be put back into service more rapidly.

The grant was written with the help of the Mayor's Office, Auditor's Office, Purchasing Department and Chief Mark Martin of the Perry Township Fire Department. ♦

For more information about the Canton Fire Department, please visit www.cantonohio.gov/fire.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

Don't forget! City income tax filings due April 15



BY CYNTHIA ALLENSWORTH

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN. CANTON INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE DUE APRIL 15, 2010 FOR TAX YEAR 2009,

and the Canton Income Tax Department is here to help!

A quick, easy and smart way to get your taxes where you want them to be – finished and on time - is by e-filing at www.cantonincometax.com. At our Web site, you can not only file your taxes, but also make any necessary payments, including payments on your accounts, estimated tax payments, and employer withholding tax payments. Payments can be made through an electronic funds withdrawal from a check or savings account or with a credit card.

If you need assistance completing your tax return, staff auditors can assist you in person, by telephone or mail. Staff auditors can even prepare your return for you, free of charge! No appointment is needed for this free service. All you need to do is come to our office at 424 Market Avenue North with a copy of your federal income tax return and all W2 and 1099 forms.

If you think you will be unable to meet the April 15 deadline, you can submit a written request for an extension or send a copy of your federal extension form to the Canton Income Tax Department on or before April 15, 2010. ♦

For more information, call the Income Tax Department at (330) 430-7900. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with extended hours during the month of April.



CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Major crime drops 30% over two years

What we've done, what we're doing, and how you can help



BY CHIEF DEAN MCKIMM / Canton Police Department

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, MAJOR CRIME HAS DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S

figures. In fact, in 2009 Canton saw the lowest amount of crime it has seen in more than a decade, and early signs are indicating that this decrease is still occurring in 2010. The major crimes measured in these statistics – robbery, burglary, assault, larceny, motor vehicle theft, rape, and homicide – are the worst offenses that cities have to deal with on a regular basis. Luckily for Canton residents, police have made major progress over the past 24 months.

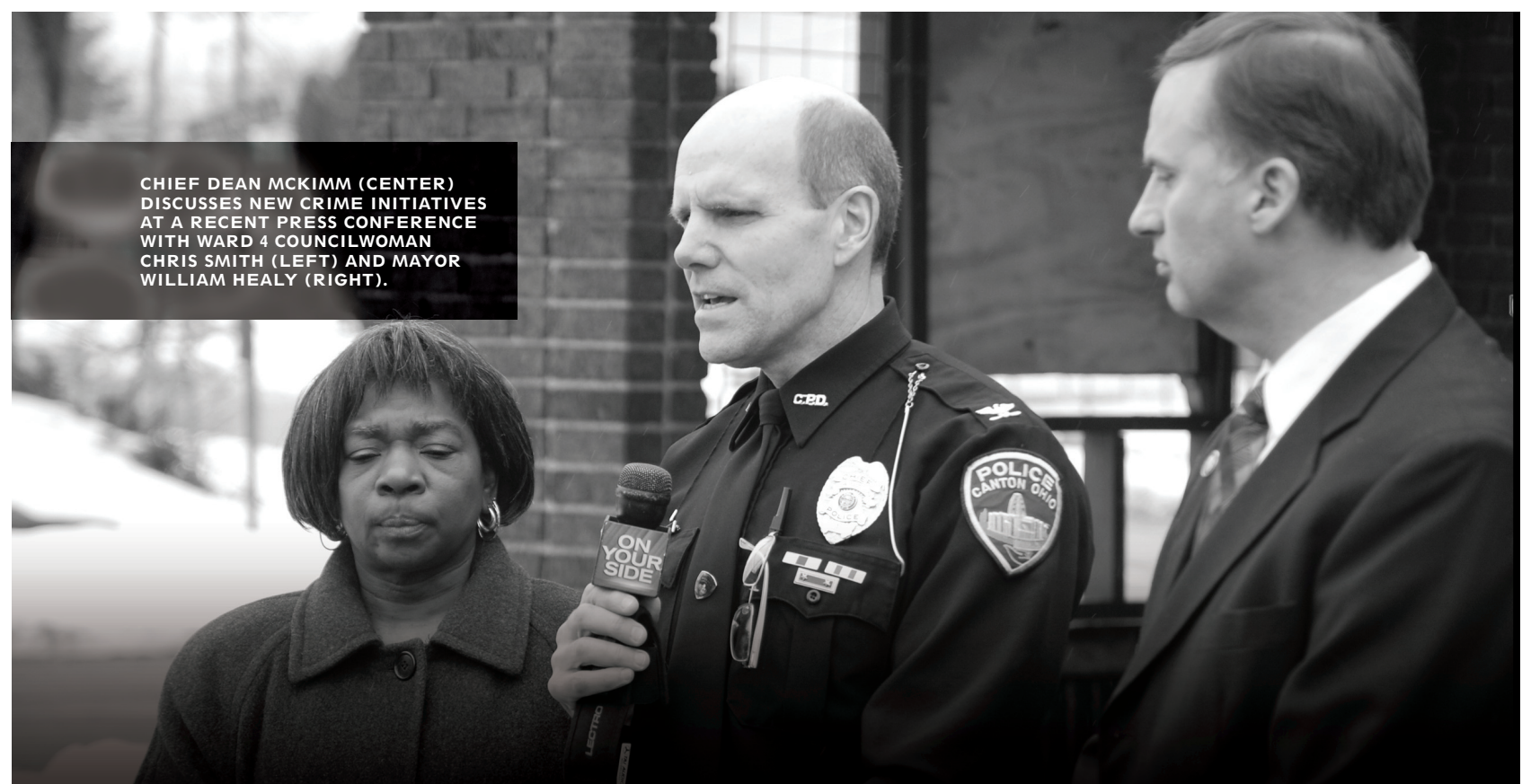
Last year, 6,866 of these major offenses were reported to the Canton Police Department, a 19.5% drop from the number of crimes in the same categories in 2008. Of all categories measured, motor vehicle theft, assault, and larceny showed the

biggest declines in 2009, while robbery and burglaries also dropped dramatically. When comparing last year's statistics to the city's 2007 statistics, major crime has dropped an astounding 30.5% over the past two years (see chart on page 17). This is an incredible achievement, and our officers on the street deserve a great deal of credit for their work in making this goal become a reality.

Though police remain concerned that rape and homicides increased in 2008 and 2009, it is important to note that little to nothing can be done by law enforcement officials to curb these isolated (and often very personal) events. Nevertheless, we remain committed to reducing these numbers.

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CHIEF DEAN MCKIMM (CENTER) DISCUSSES NEW CRIME INITIATIVES AT A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH WARD 4 COUNCILWOMAN CHRIS SMITH (LEFT) AND MAYOR WILLIAM HEALY (RIGHT).

Despite the slight increase in these two categories, we have been very effective at reducing criminal activity through aggressive law enforcement techniques. By utilizing use of federal funds provided by the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium (NOVCC), police were able to spend large amounts of time conducting gang surveillance, drug enforcement raids, illegal gun busts, highway interdictions, arrest warrant sweeps, and patrols of vacant homes.

These efforts played a large part in the reduction of last year's crime statistics. However, it cannot be ignored that residents also played a greater role than in preventing crime last year than in years past. Those who take pride in their neighborhoods and want to keep them safe are the first line of defense against criminal activity. To continue these downward trends in crime, we are launching several programs this year that will increase communication between police and residents. They are detailed in the following pages.

RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM POLICE BY E-MAIL OR ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

Starting this year, the Canton Police Department is urging people who live or work in the City of Canton to sign up for a new community notification service called Nixle.

Just what is Nixle? Nixle is a community information service that will enable the police department to broadcast information — including Amber Alerts, crime notifications, and traffic information — directly to residents via e-mail and text. Unlike other networking sites, Nixle provides only one-way communication, and best of all, there is no advertising — giving residents access to key law enforcement alerts without the hassle of spam or endless replies from fellow subscribers.

Only authenticated agencies and community organizations can securely publish information using this service. Subscribers will be alerted based upon their geographic area using a color-coded system. Four types of messages are used, including: Alerts (emergency information), Advisories (less urgent but need-to-know information), Community Information (day-to-day neighborhood to community-level information), and Traffic (localized traffic information).

Subscribers can get immediate alerts and safety tips at their fingertips by email or on their mobile device. Subscribers can tailor the messages they receive to only those that they determine they want, which are all free of charge. Police believe this will increase public safety, as the police can communicate with residents more quickly than ever before.



To sign up for this free new crime-fighting service go to www.cantonohio.gov/police and follow the links to register with the company. After registration, residents can also set up how they want to receive their alerts. For more information about Nixle, visit www.nixle.com.

CATCH CRIME ON TAPE WITH THE HELP OF "I-SPI"

For residents who know crime is occurring but can't catch the criminals in the act, a new initiative from the Canton Police Department allows citizens to become a set of eyes and ears for the police during criminal investigations. From break-ins to drug deals to gang activity, city-owned mobile surveillance cameras will soon be installed on private property by invitation of the property owner in program called I-SPI – Invited Surveillance for Police Investigations.

The program, which is in planning stages as of the time this magazine went to print, allows residents who are sick and tired of criminals openly breaking the law in their neighborhoods to request that a temporary police surveillance camera be installed on their property in order to catch criminals in the act. Nothing puts a criminal behind bars faster than a video recording of their committing a crime, and police want to use the program as a deterrent in troubled areas of the city.

For more information about this pilot program, or to sign up to participate, visit the Police Department's homepage at www.cantonohio.gov/police.

GO ONLINE TO VIEW CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Another service now offered to residents involves the ability to see where crimes occur by targeted geographic area. Using online mapping software, residents can now see just how many crimes occur in their neighborhood as well as what types of crime are most prevalent. Through a partnership with www.crimereports.com, police hope to give residents an idea of what to be on the lookout for in their neighborhoods at any given time.

Whether it is a rash of break-ins/burglaries or a sudden increase in drug activity, residents have the right to know what is happening where they live. Because officers and patrol units cannot be all places at once, police are harnessing the power of technology to enlist neighborhood residents in the fight against crime.

TREND CRIME STATISTICS (BY YEAR)



YEAR	...TOTAL	YEAR	...TOTAL
20049102	20079889
20059615	20088532
20069820	20096866

*Statistics Measured:
Homicide, rape,
robbery, assault,
burglary, larceny, &
motor vehicle theft.*

It is commonly accepted that neighborhoods where residents are aware of their surroundings and interact regularly with their neighbors tend to be much safer and have less crime than those where such awareness is not present. The Canton Police Department agrees with this theory, and wants to give residents the tools they need to stay involved in the affairs of their community in order to maintain safe streets. Visit www.crimereports.com and enter your zip code to review crime in your neighborhood.

CANTON'S MOST WANTED

Through a partnership between the Canton Police Department, Canton City Schools Channel 11, and Time Warner Cable Government Access Channel 15, residents can now stay on the look-out for suspected criminals identified by police as "Canton's Most Wanted."

The program, which runs every day at Noon and 8:00 p.m. for one-hour periods on Time Warner Cable Channel 15, will feature between 10 and 15 individuals currently wanted on outstanding warrants by the Canton Police Department. Residents are encouraged to call police dispatch with information leading to the arrest of pictured suspects, as many suspected criminals could be dangerous. An updated list of most wanted suspects can also be accessed on the City of Canton's Web site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.cantonohio.gov/wanted. ♦

Residents who want to report a crime in progress are encouraged to call 9-1-1. Residents who believe they may be witnessing criminal behavior that is non-emergency in nature should call Central Dispatch at (330) 649-5800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report the activity.



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April 2010

COMMUNITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					FIRST STOP FOR FIRST FRIDAY 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Canton Museum of Art FIRST FRIDAY – “April Fools”–6:00 p.m. Downtown Canton Arts District Canton Players Guild presents “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF” 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts <i>Good Friday (City offices closed)</i>	Canton Players Guild presents “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF” 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
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SESAME STREET LIVE: WHEN ELMO GROWS UP 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Canton Civic Center Canton Players Guild presents “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF” 2:30 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts <i>Yom Hashoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall			2009 City Income Tax Returns and Extension Requests Due 1st Quarter 2010 Corporate Estimated Tax Due		Exhibit Opens: FORM FUNCTION & FIGURE: CONTEMPORARY OHIO CERAMICS Canton Museum of Art – cantonart.org for more info
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	<i>Employer Withholding Tax for March 2010 Due</i>		<i>Earth Day</i> <i>Bring Your Child to Work Day</i>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall				CANTON RECREATION YOUTH FISHING DERBY REGISTRATION DEADLINE – www.cantonrecreation.com for more info 1st Quarter 2010 Personal Estimated Tax Due 1st Quarter 2010 Employer Withholding Tax Due	

CALENDAR

May 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 VOCI presents "SPRING RING - BEL'VOCI" 3:00 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 1001 39th St. NW, Canton
2	3 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	4 <i>Election Day</i>	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7 CANTON FIRST FRIDAY "Spring Fever," 6:00 p.m., Downtown Canton Arts District	8 Canton Symphony presents Season Finale "MASTERWORKS SERIES CONCERT VII - POWER AND PASSION" 8:00 p.m., Umstadt Hall
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>National Police Week Begins</i>	10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	11	12	13 PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT FESTIVAL QUEEN PAGEANT 7:00 p.m., Canton Palace Theatre	14 VOCI presents "ENCORE - A TRIBUTE TO 70 YEARS FROM OPERA TO BROADWAY" 7:30 p.m., Oakwood Middle School, 2300 Schneider St. NW, North Canton MAY 14-16	15 VOCI presents "ENCORE - A TRIBUTE TO 70 YEARS FROM OPERA TO BROADWAY" 7:30 p.m. CANTON RECREATION YOUTH FISHING DERBY 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Stadium Park Pond <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
16 VOCI presents "ENCORE - A TRIBUTE TO 70 YEARS FROM OPERA TO BROADWAY" 7:30 p.m. VOCI presents "CANTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS SPRING CONCERT" 3:00 p.m., Trinity United Church of Christ, 3909 Blackburn Rd. NW, Canton	17 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	18	19 VOCI SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON Noon, Cable Recital Hall, Cultural Center for the Arts <i>Shavuot</i>	20 <i>Employer Withholding Tax for April 2010 Due</i>	21 Preview Event CANTON MUSEUM NATIONAL ART SHOW 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Canton Museum of Art YOUTH TENNIS TEAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE - cantonrecreation.com for more info STIR AFTER HOURS SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING - 5:30 p.m., Pro Football Hall of Fame	22 CANTON MUSEUM NATIONAL ART SHOW 10:00 am - 6:00 pm., Canton Museum of Art Canton Players Guild presents "ANNIE" 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
23 CANTON MUSEUM NATIONAL ART SHOW 10:00 am - 5:00 pm., Canton Museum of Art Canton Players Guild presents "ANNIE" 2:30 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall	25	26	27 TASTE OF CANTON 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Downtown Canton	28 Canton Players Guild presents "ANNIE" 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts TENNIS REGISTRATION DEADLINE & SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE -cantonrecreation.com for more info	29 Canton Players Guild presents "ANNIE" 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
30 Canton Players Guild presents "ANNIE" 2:30 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	31 NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING <i>Memorial Day (city offices closed, city sanitation service delayed one day)</i>					

June 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 CANTON FIRST FRIDAY – “Summer in the City,” 6:00 p.m. Downtown Canton Arts District Canton Players Guild presents “ANNIE” 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	5 Canton Players Guild presents “ANNIE” 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
	6 Canton Players Guild presents “ANNIE” 2:30 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	7 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall Canton Recreation TENNIS I PROGRAM Begins Canton Recreation SUMMER CAMP Begins	8	9 ADULT TENNIS TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE –cantonrecreation.com for more info	10	11 Canton Players Guild presents “ANNIE” 8:00 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts
13 Canton Players Guild presents “ANNIE” 2:30 p.m., Cultural Center for the Arts	14 TWENTY UNDER 40! AWARDS PRESENTED BY YSTARK! AND THE REPOSITORY 6:00 p.m., Gervasi Vineyard and Italian Bistro <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18 CANTON BLUES FEST – Feat. headliner <i>Elvin Bishop</i> , Noon-10:30 p.m., downtown Canton	19 CANTON FARMERS’ MARKET 8:00 -11:30 a.m., Downtown Canton CANTON BLUES FEST – Feat. headliner <i>Hot Tuna Electric</i> , Noon-10:30 p.m., Downtown Canton <i>Juneteenth</i>
20	21 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30pm Canton City Hall Canton Recreation ADULT TENNIS TOURNAMENT BEGINS – (through June 27) cantonrecreation.com for more inf	22	23	24	25 Canton Recreation TENNIS II PROGRAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE – cantonrecreation.com for more info	26 CANTON FARMERS’ MARKET 8:00 -11:30 a.m., Downtown Canton
<i>Employer Withholding Tax for May 2010 Due</i> <i>Father’s Day</i>						
27 Canton Recreation TENNIS II PROGRAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE – cantonrecreation.com for more info	28	29	30 ZING IN THE CITY FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION 6 p.m., Kresge Block, downtown Canton			

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